

# Readings in Feminist Rhetorical Theory Online eBook

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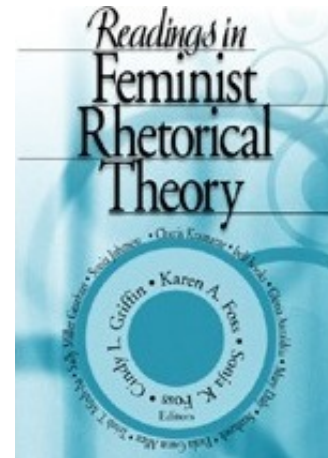
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## Plot:

With a broad conceptualization of rhetorical scholarship and theory in mind, editors Karen A. Foss, Sonja K. Foss, and Cindy L. Griffin have compiled essays and readings by feminist theorists whose work has relevance for rhetorical theory. This volume introduces readers to multiple feminist voices and perspectives and contextualizes theory as a way of framing experiences and events. The editors provide readers with an inclusive, accessible collection of readings by key contemporary feminist theorists as well as spirited, approachable introductions to their work and their lives.

Readings in Feminist Rhetorical Theory features and pays homage to the work of nine influential theorists: Cheri Kramarae, bell hooks, Gloria Anzaldúa, Mary Daly, Starhawk, Paula Gunn Allen, Trinh T. Minh-ha, Sally Miller Gearhart, and Sonia Johnson. As the editors explain in their Introduction, these feminist theorists are featured because they have sufficiently large bodies of work that constitute coherent theories about communication or rhetoric and contribute to the re-conceptualization and transformation of rhetorical constructs and theories.

The editors introduce each theorist historically and conceptually through a brief biography and a discussion of the key ideas in the pieces selected. The works of each theorist

- \* represent the general content and form of the theorist's body of work;
- \* span the time period over which the theorist has been writing, tracing the evolution of her ideas;
- \* directly address concerns relevant to rhetorical theory or symbol use;
- \* vary in terms of types of work (essays, poems, short stories) to capture the range of each theorist's genre.

Readings in Feminist Rhetorical Theory is ideal for students in upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in Communication Studies, Women's Studies, and English and is an excellent companion volume to Feminist Rhetorical Theory.

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